

U.S. Application No.: 10/684,726

AMENDMENT A

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REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Office Action of March 21, 2005, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants are pleased to see that the Examiner has already indicated that Claims 8-13 are allowed. Claims 1, 14, and 15 were objected to because of formalities.

In response to the Office Action, Applicants had:

- 1) cancel Claim 14; and
- 2) cancel Claim 15; and
- 3) add new Claim 16.

Support for Claim 16 can be found on canceled Claim 15.

No new matter has been added to the claims.

Applicants believe that all the claims of the pending set of claims are in conditions for allowance.

Office Action:

Turning now to the Office Action in greater detail, the paragraphing of the Examiner is adopted.

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Objection to Claims (Formalities)

The Examiner indicates that claims 1, 14 and 15 are allowable over the prior art of record. However, claim 14 is a duplicate of claim 1. Therefore, either claim 1 or claim 14 must be cancelled.

In response, Applicants have cancelled Claim 14.

Accordingly, withdrawn of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected Claim 15 because claims may not contain flow diagrams as claimed.

In response, Applicants have cancelled Claim 15 and add Claim 16. Claim 16 correspond to Claim 15.

Accordingly, withdrawn of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Claims:

Applicants are pleased to see that the Examiner has allowed claims 8-13.

Prior art

The Examiner indicated that the Gutman, Bures, and Pyralova references teach homologs of the instant compound. But, they fail to

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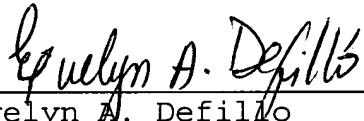
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teach the utility. Thus, the cited references do not anticipate the present set of claims.

Applicants are pleased with the indication.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT A for U.S. Application No. 10/684,726 filed October 14, 2003, were deposited in first class U.S. mail, with sufficient postage, Mail Stop: Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 1, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, except for the issue fee, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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